

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1649 – HB 1860

March 12, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Education (DOE) to evaluate and report annually on pilot after-school programs and their outcomes to determine whether they are accomplishing their intended purposes and whether such programs should be expanded and replicated to serve additional at-risk students. Requires DOE to report findings and conclusions to the Governor, the Speakers of the Senate and House of Representatives, and to the Education Committees of the General Assembly by the second Tuesday in January each year. Requires the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) to study, evaluate, and to report annually on the receipt and retention of lottery scholarships for students who participated in after-school programs.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – Increases the expenditure of unclaimed lottery prize money earmarked for after-school program grants by \$50,000 per year. Otherwise, additional appropriations of state funds would need to be made.


Assumptions:

- After-school programs are funded 100 percent from unclaimed lottery prize winnings.
- DOE indicates that to accomplish the provisions of this bill either additional funding would be required or existing funding which is earmarked for after-school program grants would need to be utilized.
- According to DOE, the Department does not currently have any mechanism for tracking students who have participated in after-school programs beyond the ninth grade. They would have to develop the appropriate mechanism and track the students through high school graduation. DOE would also have to collect and maintain records concerning ACT and SAT scores, the receipt of lottery scholarships, and whether or not such students attend college.

- For results of any such study to be statistically significant, and useful for determining the overall effectiveness of after-school programs, this study would need to be conducted over an extended period of time, with multiple classes of students. This would need to be done because one class of students will not produce results that are representative of all students participating in after-school programs over multiple years.
- Based on information provided by DOE, the cost for the Department to conduct such annual evaluations is estimated to be \$50,000 per year.
- Based on information provided by THEC, any additional cost for the Commission to conduct such study is considered not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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